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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
CONTRACTING OFFICER'S  
DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS**

**AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT**

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with General Dynamics Corporation, CONVAIR Division, Fort Worth, Texas, for the procurement of initial studies, tests and preliminary design of a high altitude reconnaissance vehicle.

I hereby find that this procurement, Project GUSTO, is estimated to cost [ ] and is chargeable to Fiscal Year 1959 funds and is for the work described above. I also find that this procurement is in the interest of National Defense and that it will be certified by the Director of Central Intelligence in accordance with procedure approved by the DCI on 15 December 1956, to be for objects of a confidential, extraordinary and emergency nature and therefore within the purview of procurement authority of the Agency as stated in Section 10(b) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress. Procurement by formal advertising of the services called for by the proposed Contract No. HL-4646 would result in public disclosure of the nature and character of the proposed vehicle and its operational capabilities, and would thereby jeopardize the security of this project.

I hereby determine, as Contracting Officer for this contract, that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract have been adequately documented by proper Agency authority, and that the proposed contract must necessarily be negotiated without formal advertising.

SIGNED

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Contracting Officer, DPD

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